

HOSPITAL STEWARDS IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, ETC.

MAY 19, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HULL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4556.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4556) entitled "An act to suspend certain provisions of law relating to hospital stewards in the United States Army," report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment, by adding: "*Provided*, That the increase of hospital stewards under this act shall not exceed one hundred."

Your committee find that the law now in force authorizes the appointment of not to exceed 100 hospital stewards and that the emergency now existing requires an addition to this number.

General Sternberg has stated for the benefit of the committee that 100 hospital stewards in addition to those already authorized by law will be sufficient. With this information the committee have amended the bill as before stated.

General Sternberg's telegram to the chairman of the committee, together with other correspondence from the War Department, is hereto annexed and made part of this report.

[Telegram.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, May 17, 1898.

Hon. J. A. T. HULL:

In my opinion, 100 hospital stewards in addition to those already authorized will be sufficient.

STERNBERG.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, April 25, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a letter from the Surgeon-General of the Army, stating that by the act of Congress approved March 16, 1896, the number of hospital stewards of the Hospital Corps, United States Army, was reduced to 100 and requesting, for reasons therein set forth, that this restriction be removed. Favorable consideration is recommended.

Very respectfully,

R. A. ALGER,
Secretary of War.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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WAR DEPARTMENT, SURGEON-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, April 25, 1898.

SIR: By the act of Congress approved March 16, 1896, the number of hospital stewards of the Hospital Corps, United States Army, which up to that time had been restricted only by the needs of the service, was reduced to 100.

I have the honor now to request that this restriction be removed in view of the increase of military posts and the necessity for additional hospital stewards in the field.

Very respectfully,

GEO. M. STERNBERG,
Surgeon-General, United States Arm.

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

REPORT.

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The Committee on Military Affairs, in a report to the Senate, dated March 16, 1896, recommended that the number of hospital stewards in the United States Army be reduced to 100. This recommendation was based upon the fact that the number of hospital stewards in the United States Army at that time was 1,000. The Committee on Military Affairs, in a report to the Senate, dated March 16, 1896, recommended that the number of hospital stewards in the United States Army be reduced to 100. This recommendation was based upon the fact that the number of hospital stewards in the United States Army at that time was 1,000. The Committee on Military Affairs, in a report to the Senate, dated March 16, 1896, recommended that the number of hospital stewards in the United States Army be reduced to 100. This recommendation was based upon the fact that the number of hospital stewards in the United States Army at that time was 1,000.

WAR DEPARTMENT, MAY 17, 1898.
Hon. E. A. M. Hull,
In my opinion, the hospital stewards in addition to those already authorized will be sufficient.
Very respectfully,
GEO. M. STERNBERG,
Surgeon-General, United States Army.